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Dear Sol:

I want to thank you for putting me on to the paper by Salle et al on Staphylococcus transformation in last year's J. Bact. I don't know how I missed it. The paper is especially interesting because I am morally certain that a phage is responsible here (and possibly in other transformations). Burnet & McKie in 1929 described a phage for staph (white) resistant to which became a "frank aureus" in precisely the way described in the '48 paper. I hope to look into experimentally, if I can get the strains.

What's new with yeast. How did the galactose reversion experiments come out?

I'm very sorry that I won't be able to come down to Urbana this weekend, but perhaps you have some other good reason to be in Chicago ~~this~~ and I can see you there.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg